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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, TH

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRIP OF VICE PRESIDENT

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1. AMBASSADOR RAISED THE PROPOSED VISIT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT WITH PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT ON FEBRUARY 2, AND AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, PROPOSED THET BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE ELECTIONS, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER IF THE VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT VISIT THAILAND AT THAT TIME. KHUKRIT IMMEDIATELY AGREED. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT THAT POINT. ALSO, THERE WOULD BE DANGER THAT SOME ELEMENTS WOULD ACCUSE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME. HE SAID THE THAI PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY THE VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT VISIT THAILAND, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IN THE AREA. IF QUESTIONS AROSE, THE THAI GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THE REASON WHY BANGKOK WAS OMITTED FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S CLEAR STATEMENT, BELIEVE WE SHOULD CANCEL PLANS FOR A VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THAILAND DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN OR IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER UNTIL A VIABLE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN OFFICE.  
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